



trenton district

ALLENTOWN ALLENTOWN METHODIST CHURCH

The Rev. George Whitefield records that on May 6, 1740, after preaching to three thousand persons in Freehold, he "rode in company with many others, sixteen miles to Allentown, where he preached to the same number." The Rev. David Bartine, who labored on the Trenton Circuit in 1796, reached out into the surrounding region and also preached in Allentown. So far as is known there was no regular preaching appointment here until a society was organized in 1810. The first church building was erected on the lot where the African Methodist Episcopal Church now stands. The founders included John Dickson, John Imlay, Jr., Samuel Lanning, Anthony Borden, Edward Page, and Samuel Robbins. On July 14, 1859, a contract was let for the building of the present structure. A century later, on July 10, 1959, construction was started on a \$60,000 educational unit adjoining the church in the rear. The church is in a growing, attractive residential community and has excellent prospects for the future.

AMWELL "OLD ROCKS" METHODIST CHURCH

In 1740 Whitefield "preached to 5,000" and by 1774 a circuit rider made stops. Tradition says Asbury preached near here